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SUBJECT: FUNADA VISIT TO TAIWAN

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SUMMARY: FORMER LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER FUNADA CALLED ON EMBASSY TO DISCUSS HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO TAIPEI. FUNADA SAID HE CAREFULLY ASCERTAINED THAT HE WOULD BE "WELCOME" IN TAIPEI BEFORE AGREEING TO VISIT. ALTHOUGH HE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS CIVAIR RELATIONS IF SUBJECT ARISES, HIS BAGGAGE WILL NOT INCLUDE A "DEAL" FOR TAIPEI. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OWN INITIATIVE, FORMER LOWER HOUSE SPEAKER NAKA FUNADA CALLED ON POL COUNS AUG 21 TO DISCUSS HIS SEPTEMBER 8 VISIT TO TAIPEI. IDEA FOR HIS TRIP CAME FROM TAIPEI'S EAST ASIA ASSN HEAD MA SHU-LY WHO EARLIER HAD SOUNDED OUT FORMER PMS KISHI AND SATO AND, SUBSEQUENTLY, FUNADA ON ADDRESSING TAIPEI SYMPOSIUM.
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BEFORE AGREEING, FUNADA SOUGHT ASSURANCES FROM MA

THAT HE WOULD BE "WELCOMED" IN TAIPEI. ASSURANCES WERE PROVIDED, IN WRITING, THAT LEADERS OF GROC WOULD WELCOME FUNADA. HE ALSO RECEIVED PERSONAL LETTERS WELCOMING HIM.

2. LDP LEADERS, INCLUDING PM TANAKA, APPROVED TRIP AND ALL HOPE FOR EARLY RESTORATION OF CIVAIR ARRANGEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS, FUNADA STRESSED THAT HIS VISIT WAS PERSONAL, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF LDP OR GOVERNMENT, AND HE HAS NO DEAL OR OFFICIAL PROPOSAL TO OFFER. HE SAID THAT IF ROC LEADERS BRING UP CIVAIR QUESTION HE WILL, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RESOLVE CIVAIR ISSUE SINCE IT WAS QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE (OHIRA'S "NONRECOGNITION OF ROC FLAG"). BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO USE OPPORTUNITY TO START PROCESS WHICH COULD EVENTUALLY RESOLVE ISSUE. HE DID NOT, HOWEVER, APPEAR TO BE PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC OVER PROSPECTS.

3. FUNADA ALSO SOUGHT EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON US POLICY REGARDING TAIWAN AND PROSPECTS FOR COMPLETE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC. REFERRING TO US DEFENSE TREATY WITH ROC, HE SAID HE HOPED DEFENSE TIES WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

4. ON TAIWAN'S FUTURE, FUNADA ASSERTED THAT AS LONG AS CHIANG KAI-SHEK WAS ALIVE THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN ROC'S ONE CHINA (THE ROC) POLICIES. HE NOTED, WRYLY, THAT PRESIDENT CHIANG WAS 87 AND THAT TEN YEARS WAS A LONG TIME. HE DEPLORED FACT THAT GOVERNMENT IN TAIPEI TOOK SAME "ONE CHINA" POSITION AS GOVERNMENT IN PEKING BECAUSE IT "PREVENTS FEASIBLE MOVEMENT TOWARD PROVIDING INDEPENDENCE TO TAIWAN".

5. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY, FUNADA VISITED EMBASSY TO DEFLATE ANY OVEREXPECTATIONS WE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT NATURE AND PURPOSE OF HIS TRIP. WE ACCEPT THAT HE WILL ACT ONLY AS CONDUIT FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. HE ALSO WANTED TO OBTAIN READING ON USG ATTITUDES AND POLICIES TOWARD TAIWAN AND PRC, WE ASSUME, AS BACKGROUND FOR CONVERSATIONS
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HE MAY HAVE IN TAIPEI. (WE PROVIDED THESE IN STANDARD FASHION)

6. AS PATRICIAN REPRESENTATIVE OF TRADITIONAL, PRO-TAIWAN LDP DIETMEN, FUNADA'S DESIRE TO SEE TAIWAN REMAIN INDEPENDENT IS STANDARD. THOSE VIEWS DO PUT HIM AT ODDS WITH GOJ POLICY, HOWEVER. WE WONDER WHAT INFLUENCE, IF ANY, OLD GUARD LDP FRIENDS OF TAIWAN MIGHT HAVE ON CCK AND OTHPE LEADERS IN TAIWAN AS THEY DECIDE WHAT

COURSE TO PURSUE IN FUTURE, ESPECIALLY AT JUNCTURE
PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH WILL PROVIDE.
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